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1. The firm of Laminacao Nacional de Metais, S.A., located in Utinga, Brazil, manufactures the latest model air-cooled machine gun, which is similar to the German model in use shortly before the end of World War II. The rights to manufacture the equipment are said to have been obtained from the Mauser interests.
2. Francisco Matarazzo Pignatari, an Italian-born, naturalized Brazilian, is at the head of the company. Pignatari has been described by some people as a serious young man who is attempting to restore some semblance of order to his vast holdings. Others describe him as a spoiled playboy with a low mentality. During the last war, he tended toward fascism and was accused by some of his employees of deliberately sabotaging the war effort.
3. A certain number of the machine guns is purchased by the Brazilian Army, but the excess is alleged to find its way to certain Central American republics, Haiti, and even Palestine. It is believed that shipments destined for Palestine go to Haiti and are reshipped from there.

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